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The Strategic Importance of Aluminum and Its Source Materials  
(including Bauxite) to the Sino-Soviet Bloc

Ref: EHC Case No. 18, SECRET/NOFORN and EHC/ID-36

In general the referenced intelligence document gives a good summary of the strategic importance of aluminum and bauxite to the Sino-Soviet Bloc. In the light of information subsequent to that utilized in this document, however, outlined below are several minor changes suggested for paragraph 3.

Paragraph 3. Fifth sentence -- Suggested rewording: Incomplete data indicate at least 29,000 tons were exported in 1957. During that year the UK received 17,360 metric tons from the Soviet Bloc (15,696 from USSR) compared with 935 in 1956 (200 from USSR)\*.

Minor revisions in tabulation:

1955 - Net exports from Poland were 300 tons, making total 11,800.

1956 - Net exports from USSR were 14,800 tons (including 100 which had been ascribed to Other Eastern Europe, a category which should be deleted). From China, 700 tons, which went to Argentina. Total 1956 - 25,300.

\* During January and February 1958 UK imports from the Bloc totaled 4,220 tons (3,690 from USSR).

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